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PLANES TO JORDAN, MISSILES TO ISRAEL

1. MORNING INDEPENDENT HAARETZ CARRIED STORY MARCH 30 THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT EXPRESS OBJECTION OR DISPLEASURE OVER REPORTED USG SALE OF F-104 FIGHTERS TO JORDAN, EVEN THOUGH PLANES PAID FOR FROM UAC FUNDS AND MAY, IF UNDER UAC CONTROL, PRESENT A PROBLEM. IT IS THOUGHT JORDAN HAS CHOSEN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT RATHER THAN AIRCRAFT OFFERED BY BRITAIN AND FRANCE BECAUSE OF BETTER PRICE TERMS. F-104 IS INTERCEPTOR AND, UNLIKE MIRAGE, UNSUITABLE FOR BOMBING MISSIONS. IT HAS RATHER HIGHER THAN AVERAGE ACCIDENT RECORD IN U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH USE IT.

2. SAME PAPER ALSO SUMMARIZED REPORT IN GERMANY'S DER SPIEGEL THAT FRANCE WILL SELL ISRAEL TOPAZE MISSILES AS COUNTER TO EGYPTIAN SELF-DEVELOPED MISSILES.

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